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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, July 17, 2007

Members Present

Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomerado
Harley, M.D., Jim – Children's
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
MacPherson, Gary – Co. Paramedics Agencies Comm.
Morikado, M.D., Lisa – Scripps La Jolla
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Stepanski, Barbara

Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD/Palomar
Burk, Dave – La Mesa Fire
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
How, Chung Kang – UCSD
Howard, R.N., LuAnn – Scripps La Jolla
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Med. Ctr. San Diego
Scott, Chris – No. County Fire
Smith, R.N., Susan – San Diego Fire Rescue

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judd Glasser, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves. Dr. Glasser thanked everyone for making the trip to Tri-City.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Michele Grad, M.D., Seconded by Jim Harley, M.D., to approve the Minutes of June 19, 2007. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Tourniquets: The issue of using tourniquets was discussed at the Medical Audit Committee (MAC) meeting on July 16, 2007. It is being examined again given its' increased use in trauma on the battlefield today. Some surgeons at MAC felt they aren't necessary, but would like to see more information. If anyone has further concerns, please contact Dr. Haynes.

Heat Injury: EMS is part of a HHSA response group to monitor and prevent heat injury. Heat indexes are monitored throughout the summer. Cooling centers such as libraries, shopping centers, etc. are advised, particularly for the elderly.

Proposed Advanced EMT Program: EMS has sent out a letter to the fire departments regarding a proposed advanced EMT program. It's been used in some counties in the State, primarily in rural areas, and has been added to the State EMT regulations in the last couple of years. Responses are beginning to come back to EMS. If there is a great deal of interest on the part of fire and first responders, the issue will be brought back again to BSPC.

Pregnant Teenagers: It has been agreed upon that it is best to send pregnant children, (14-years old and under) that are major trauma patients, to UCSD has volunteered to accept those patients. Possibly some guidelines can be written up and brought to the next BSPC meeting.

Stroke Policy: The draft policy "Destination of Acute Stroke Patient" was discussed. The Stroke Task Force wants to be sure that hospitals are capable of evaluating and caring for stroke patients. From a survey that was distributed recently, it is known that five hospitals have JCAHO certification as primary stroke centers in San Diego County and a larger number are going to be obtaining that certification in the future. According to the proposed policy, hospitals will be able to post on the Quality Assurance Network whether or not they are able to accept a stroke patient. It was suggested to remove time expectations from the policy and possibly add the Brain Attack Coalition criteria at the end of the policy.

Proposed Nurses Strike: Fortunately Sharp Healthcare nurses reached an agreement and did not strike. Plans were made to reduce hospital census at Sharp hospitals so that fewer patients would be affected if there was a strike.

STEMI Update: First quarter data (January 16 – March 31, 2007) confirmed the success of the STEMI receiving system achieving great door-to-balloon times. There were 147 emergency 9-1-1 patients, of whom 122 (83%), went to the cardiac catheterization lab. The median door-to-balloon times for patients getting a PCI was 67 minutes.

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

LuAnn Howard, R.N., was introduced by Linda Broyles, R.N., as the new Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator for Scripps La Jolla, effective June 14, 2007. Ms. Broyles is now working for American Medical Response and the South Bay Regional Cooperative Program.

V. ROC UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)

The Hypertonic Saline Study now has between 50-55 patients enrolled. This is about one-half to two-thirds of what was anticipated with the City of San Diego not being able to participate. ROC may have to expand to include Orange County or other sites. Each site is being encouraged to maximize enrollment. Dr. Davis would appreciate any feedback. Funding for the project is tied to enrollment.

The Cardiac Arrest Study schedule is proposed to begin in late August, 2007, then every cardiac arrest patient is essentially enrolled. The data must then be accessed to demonstrate how closely they adhere to their assigned group.

VI. ENERGY SETTINGS FOR DEFIBRILLATION (Judd Glasser, M.D.)

Brad Schwartz, M.D., had approached Dr. Glasser regarding what he felt should be better defined guidelines in the County protocols regarding energy settings for defibrillation. Appeared that recommendations from an e-mail Dr. Davis sent out indicated to “defer to the manufacturer.” There are no objective studies to tell what shock doses should be used. Dr. Glasser will follow-up with Dr. Schwartz.

**VII. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)
(Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

HACOT will begin meeting on July 18, 2007 with the leadership of the new County Public Health Officer, Wilma Wooten, M.D.

**VIII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

The annual Statewide disaster exercise is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2007.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Ms. Rosenberg announced that Children’s Hospital wants to do a presentation and will relay that information to Dr. Glasser.

X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at American Medical Response, 8808 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS